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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CG, AO, PFOR

SUBJECT: ZAIRIAN-ANGOLAN RELATIONS

REF: KINSHASA (NOTAL) #

1. DURING MEETING WITH MOBUTU THIS MORNING, FEBRUARY 26, I REFERRED TO RECENT WIRE SERVICE REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT NETO HAD ACCUSED ZAIRE, WITH US COLLUSION, OF PLOTTING MILITARY ACTIVITIES AGAINST ANGOLA. MOBUTU REPLIED CALMLY THAT HE TOO HAD SEEN THOSE REPORTS AND VIEWED THEM WITH "DISDAIN." HE INDICATED THAT GOZ AND MEDIA HERE INTENDED TO DOWN PLAY NETO'S CHARGES, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING.

2. MOBUTU WENT ON TO EXPRESS STRONG DISPLEASURE WITH ANGOLA'S FAILURE TO RESPOND TO HIS INITIATIVE IN EARLY JANUARY EXTENDING RECOGNITION TO PRA. MOBUTU SAID THAT, CONTRARY TO PRA'S CHARGES THAT IT HAD RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF

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RECOGNITION, VERIFIED THAT WRITTEN NOTIFICATION HAD INDEED BEEN PROPERLY DELIVERED TO PRA IN NEW YORK. MOBUTU SAID HE WAS GOING TO BRAZZAVILLE THIS WEEKEND AND WHILE THERE WOULD AGAIN CONVEY TO NETO, VIA PRESIDENT NGAOUBI, WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF GOZ RECOGNITION, WITH COPIES TO THE OAU AND UN. MOBUTU COMMENTED FURTHER THAT IT WAS EVIDENT THE PRA WAS DELIBERATELY DRAGGING ITS FEET ON NORMALIZATION AND LAYING BLAME ON ZAIRE AS WAY TO EXPLAIN

ITS OWN CONTINUING SECURITY PROBLEMS WITHIN ANGOLA.

3. COMMENT: I ASSUME DEPARTMENT WILL BE PREPARED TO KNOCK DOWN
STORIES OF US MILITARY IN ZAIRE PREPARING FOR INVASION OF ANGOLA.
WHILE MOBUTU CONVEYED IMPRESSION OF BEING
RELATIVELY UNCONCERNED, THESE REPORTS, TOGETHER WITH RECENT US
PRESS ALLEGATIONS OF PAST CIA PAYMENTS TO
MOBUTU, ARE LIKELY TO DISTURB HIM MORE SERIOUSLY IF THEY
RECEIVE WIDESPREAD MEDIA PLAY. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING
PROMPTLY ANY PRESS GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED
REGARDING NETO'S LATEST CHARGES.
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NOTE BY OC/T: #REF AS RECEIVED.

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